



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Acceptance of donations from citizens, businesses and service clubs to be used for various park amenities and improvements to Lodi Lake Park and other locations in honor of Lodi's Centennial celebration

**MEETING DATE:** October 4, 2006

**PREPARED BY:** Parks and Recreation Director

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council accepts donations from citizens, businesses and service clubs to be used for various park amenities and improvements to Lodi Lake Park and other locations in honor of Lodi's Centennial celebration.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** For the last several months, City staff has been working with Mrs. Carol Meehleis in her self-generated efforts to solicit a variety of donations, goods and services, to be used towards the enhancement of the City's local parks. It has been staff's commitment to cooperatively encourage this kind of fundraising activity. And, the goal of staff is to ensure that the donations are used in the manner for which the donor has intended and compatible with the Department's current standards and policy.

Donations are anticipated to be used for park facility and amenity replacements such as picnic tables, park benches, arbors and buildings, to name just a few. New fixtures that are consistent with park development plans and standards, and that are compatible with the theme of the existing environment, may also be introduced. Upgrading and enhancement of certain park areas may also be addressed. As an example, a local church group has been recruited to donate volunteer maintenance hours for the improvement of park gardens.

A donor recognition program is also being developed that will memorialize those individuals, businesses and service clubs that have so generously given of themselves by contributing to this Centennial effort – vividly described by Mrs. Meehleis in her "Can you share this dream?" letter (copy attached).

It is important to note that this program should not be confused with the City's existing Bench/Tree Memorial Policy; but is a stand alone fundraising effort for the benefit for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. It is also understood that there will be no obligation on the part of the City to replace donated equipment or materials after their initial installation and once they have exhausted their longevity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** City staff will help facilitate the location and installation of the donated items and will assist in all maintenance and labor related enhancement work.

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**APPROVED:**

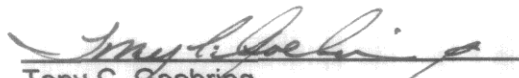
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Blair King, City Manager

**FUNDING:**

No City Funds will be expended to accomplish this beyond the administrative personnel costs. Funding will come from donor groups and individuals.

  
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Parks and Recreation Director

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney



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As you have probably heard - Lodi is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! The entire year has been filled with articles, activities, celebrations and anticipation.

My dream for the year was to identify "material needs" that would leave a message & memory for the next generation — as we've been left by those who settled Lodi.... & left their mark for us to follow.

I'm seeking your donations for the purchase of benches, picnic tables, lunch arbor, new boat house, new boat house dock (at the lake) & various city parks.... I'm planning to secure name plates — & carefully consider & supply what the City deems appropriate & vandal proof!

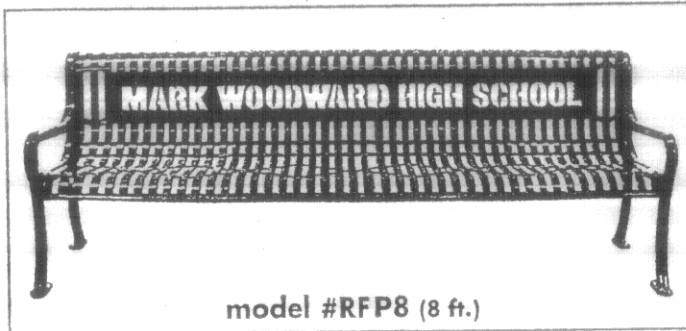
Please discuss with those you share Lodi with — as to where you can help.

Tables, benches & arbor structures must be secured to concrete slabs, & meet the city codes for safety & maintenance... our research estimates each "named" bench will be approx \$1000<sup>00</sup>, each table approx \$1200<sup>00</sup>, boat house \$20,000, dock \$10,000, — arbor \$50,000 (20x40) smaller versions available!

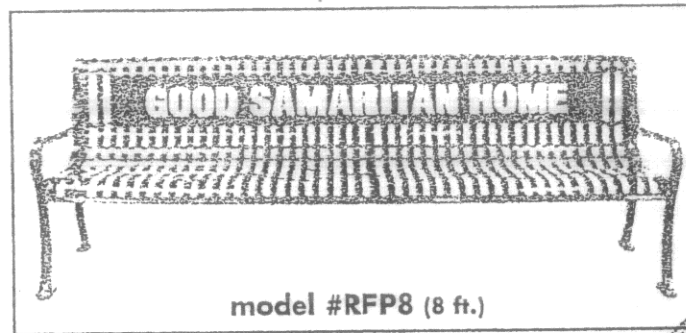
Years from now — as our grand kids enjoy our community, & gather to celebrate family & friends — these "reminders" will create conversations of us... who travel before them, & after our settlers of 1906.  
Can you share this dream?

With every "Thank You"

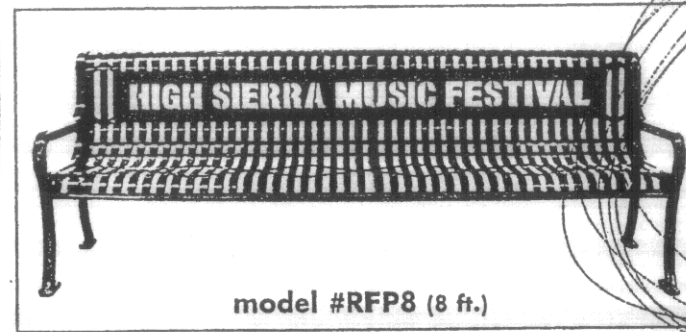
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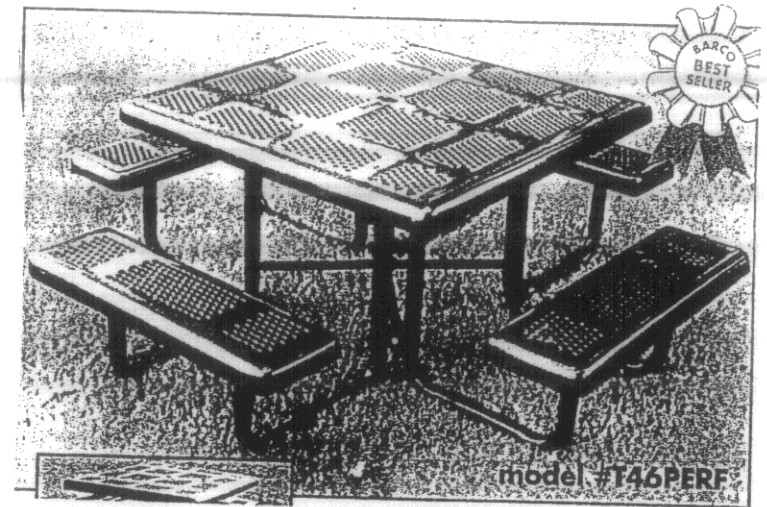
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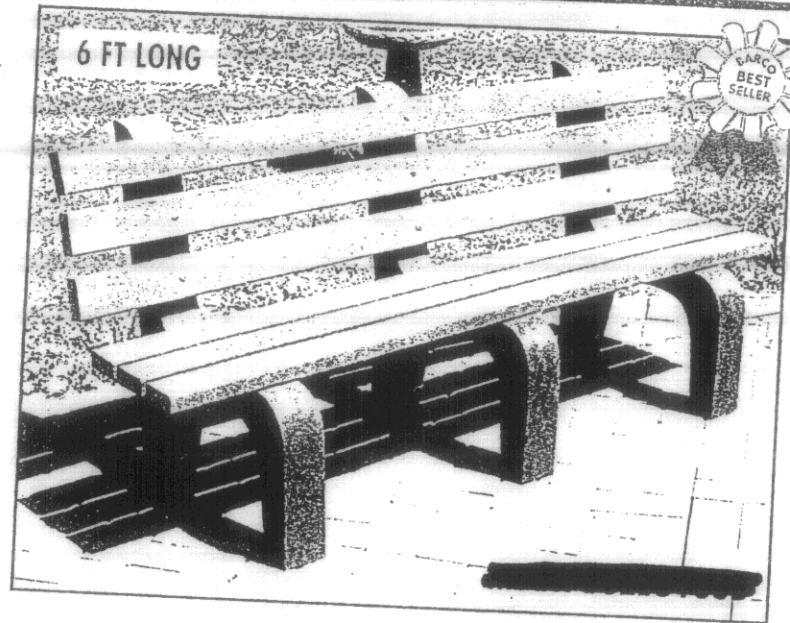
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Making memories  
for those who follow!

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The next generation — enjoying the sites  
you enjoyed.